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CONTINENTAL CHOCOLATES

CARDIFF KICK-OFF

Cardiff City, the first Welsh team to visit Australia, arrived this week and will kick-off their nine-match tour against Victoria in Melbourne on Sunday.

The next day the Welshmen play in Hobart against Tasmania — the first international match in the Apple Isle since Chelsea won 12-0 there in 1965.

Before meeting NSW at the Sydney Showground next Sunday week, Cardiff City will have played against Northern NSW in Newcastle 24 hours earlier.

Though Cardiff City could only manage a lowly placing in the English Second Division this season, they come to Australia fresh from a triumphant career in European competition.

Cardiff revealed themselves as Europe's surprise team in 1967-68, hitting the headlines with a remarkable campaign in the European Cup-Winners' Cup where they accounted, among others, for Torpedo Moscow, the Soviet club which toured Australia in March 1965.

Cardiff caused a further sensation when they held Uwe Seeler's Hamburger

SV to a 1-1 draw at Hamburg in the first leg of the semifinals.

In the return match, however, the West Germans won 3-2, scoring the winning goal in the dying seconds before a stunned crowd of 50,000 at Ninian Park, Cardiff City's home ground. (Hamburger SV subsequently lost the final, 0-2 to AC Milan of Italy).

The visitors' tremendous record in Europe this season commands great respect. They haven't come to Australia for a holiday in the sun, but to show the flag of Welsh soccer, which still does not enjoy the worldwide reputation of English and Scottish football.

Sunday's match against Victoria, whose record against touring sides is excellent (they drew 1-1 with Europe's newly-crowned champions, Manchester United, last year), should be a guide to what we can expect from the visitors. Despite their European successes, Cardiff City shouldn't be beyond the reach of our top teams.

Either Victoria or NSW, or both, should provide stiff opposition.

We would be unpleasantly surprised if the visitors ran up big scores in Sydney and in Melbourne or left Australia with a 100 per cent. record, something even the mighty Busby "Babes" could not achieve.

Cardiff City, as we have pointed out before, is an ideal touring team.

Their standards should be much closer to ours than some former touring sides.

Most of their matches should provide spectators with a hard-fought tussle, not just vastly superior displays which tend to become boring when one team is streets ahead.

• Watch next week's issue for a complete rundown on the tourists.

Despite their European record, Cardiff caused a further sensation when they held Uwe Seeler's Hamburger

NSW State squad poorly prepared

With the international match against Cardiff City only a week away, the NSW State team is desperately short of preparation.

Since the initial squad was announced, four weeks ago State coach Joe Venglos has only been able to assemble the players for two training runs.

Last Wednesday week's training session went overboard because of the Australia Cup quarterfinal double-header.

The previous Wednesday, torrential rain had forced another cancellation.

Last week, the NSW squad didn't undergo a real thorough training session either, as it only played a match against the ex-Canterbury XI in the Bill Brackenbury testimonial.

Unless preparations are stepped up, the State team will only have met twice before taking the field against Cardiff City at the Sydney Showground on Sunday, June 16.

We trust the Management Committee will give serious thought to assemble the team together in "camp" for five days prior to the Cardiff match.

There is no reason why the players can't assemble on Tuesday after completing this weekend's three-day Queen's Birthday holiday weekend competition program.

A good result against the European Cupwinners' Cup semifinalists would more than

CARDIFF'S PROGRAM

June 9: v. Victoria (Melbourne).
June 10: v. Tasmania (Hobart).
June 15: v. N. NSW (Newcastle).
June 16: v. NSW (Sydney).
June 19: v. Victoria (Melbourne).
June 23: v. Qld. (Brisbane).
June 26: v. NSW (Sydney).
June 29: v. SA (Adelaide).
July 7: v. WA (Perth).

— Lou Gautier



A determined Calphy (left) clinches both fists as he challenges Davies for possession at Wentworth Park last Saturday. Polonia retained second place on the ladder with a 1-1 draw with South Coast.

Championship field is quickly bunching up

The honors again belonged to Manly last weekend. Bursting with confidence after their sensational win over South Coast, they forced APIA to a 3-3 draw at Graham Reserve, scoring twice in the last four minutes.

Manly, in the process, surrendered last place for the first time this season.

Canterbury, with a worse goal-average, are the present recipients of the dreaded wooden spoon.

At the top of the ladder more draws by Hakoah and Polonia and Pan Hellenic's fourth defeat in a row in three weeks have resulted

in a bunching-up of the only four points removed from fourth place.

With the exception of

Polonia and APIA, none of the leading sides clash this weekend which marks the start of the second championship round.

Matches will be played on all three days of the long Queen's Birthday holiday weekend.

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE					HOME					AWAY					NEXT OPPONENT						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	* HOME MATCH
Hakoah	19	10	6	4	—	19	8	16	4	3	1	—	9	4	7	6	3	3	—	10	4	9
Polonia	15	10	6	3	1	17	11	15	6	3	2	1	10	8	8	4	3	1	—	7	3	7
Pan Hellenic	15	10	6	1	3	19	12	13	6	5	—	1	15	7	10	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
Prague	15	10	5	2	3	25	17	12	4	3	1	—	11	1	7	6	2	1	3	14	16	5
APIA	14	10	4	4	2	18	14	12	4	3	1	—	9	3	7	6	1	3	2	9	11	5
Croatia	12	10	5	1	4	17	16	11	4	2	1	1	6	4	5	6	3	—	3	11	12	6
SCU	11	10	4	2	4	23	14	10	5	4	—	1	20	6	8	5	—	2	3	3	8	2
St. George	8	10	3	2	5	11	14	8	6	2	1	3	6	10	5	4	1	1	2	5	4	3
Yugal	8	10	3	2	5	13	18	8	6	2	2	2	8	8	6	4	1	—	3	5	10	2
Melita Eagles	7	10	2	3	5	7	12	7	5	—	3	2	4	7	3	5	2	—	3	3	5	4
Manly	7	10	1	2	7	11	24	4	6	—	1	5	4	14	1	4	1	1	2	7	10	3
Canterbury	5	10	2	—	8	10	30	4	5	2	—	3	7	11	4	5	—	5	3	19	—	

READERS' LETTERS

PLEASE GET OFF THE POOR PLAYER'S BACK

Can you tell me why it is that the player must always be made the scapegoat for the ills of soccer?

I refer to a report appearing in a prominent evening paper under the headline "Six put on a bond."

First, let me say no one deplores uproar, or worse, which occurs from time to time at our soccer grounds more than I.

Many of our players are not little angels.

I do not think the participants of any sport could be classified as such, but surely it is going beyond the mark to say that the players referred to were "hauled before the NSW executive (of the Soccer Federation) for inciting spectators to misbehave." (Due to faulty composition this last word was not fully printed in my edition of the paper, nor do I know if any more was added).

This to my mind is a very serious charge which would warrant police action.

As it is a Federation rule that police be present on soccer grounds, it would seem reasonable to presume that they were present at some, if not all the fixtures at which the named players took part.

I have not read or heard of any of them being arrested or charged with the conduct reported.

I suppose from this, it would be logical to assume that no such incitement did in fact take place.

That they were "booked" by the referee for dissenting from his decisions (presumably) is another matter, and I am sure that the Federation would have dealt with that as it is empowered to do under the laws of soccer.

If newspaper reports are correct and referees were to site players in the terms reported I feel they would lay themselves very open to action under libel laws.

I may add that I have held a referee's ticket in the past, but were I now active I would think twice before making such a report, and then I would not make it.

If police present at a football match do not think they have sufficient evidence to proceed against an individual, what hope would I, a layman, have in those circumstances?

Please Mr. Editor, could you do something to get people off the poor player's back?

Most of them are playing the game because they like it, some because they can pick up a little extra money to keep body and soul together.

Whatever their reason for playing, I feel sure neither category would do anything to bring the game into disrepute.

"Spectator"

(Name withheld at writer's request).

UNFAIR CRITICISM

Was Martin Royal's commentary on TV on Saturday night a fair go to the Polonia and South Coast players?

The game was roasted for being over-defensive, and the excellent work of Krawiarz and McGarry got no credit.

There was plenty of action and well-controlled ball play that made a worthwhile spectacle on TV.

On top of that, the match was very even.

E. Rosser,
Five Dock.

ABC ATTACKED

I think that you will agree that ABC TV has not given a very good coverage of soccer this year.

A few odd and old international matches and the English Cup rounds in contrast to Channel 9's weekly British telecast.

The local football scene looks as if it will largely be ignored.

I hold out very little hope of the Manchester United v. Benfica European Cup final being shown.

But the worst example of the ABC's contempt for soccer was the English Cup final telecast.

The "TV Times" of May 15 announced that the game would be shown on Monday, May 20 at 10.30 p.m., and repeated Saturday afternoon, May 25.

Being unable to watch the Monday showing, I looked forward to Saturday, but not only was it not shown, but the announcer did not even mention the fact.

It may have been announced earlier in the week, but if it was I missed it although, I am a regular Channel 2 viewer.

I have a strong suspicion that some anti-soccer head of the sports section is out to give soccer followers a lean time.

J. J. Alton,
Gladesville.

CAMPBELLTOWN REPLIES

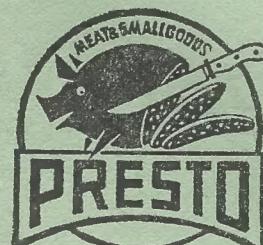
I am writing on behalf of the Campbelltown Soccer Club in answer to the letter by L. Clarke of Seven Hills. (SW 17-568).

We have a soccer team in Campbelltown, a good one, and we will one day reach Second or First Division status, but we will do it on our own and don't require any national group to take over our club.

The feuding and fighting that goes on in some of the so called top clubs is a disgrace to soccer and we would rather be a happy amateur club as we are today with players of many nationalities working and playing in harmony together with local players, than to become another national club.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Herbert Ninaus will concentrate on coaching Canterbury. He won't turn out for the Berries any more. Gerry Hood, however, appears to have settled his differences with the club and is set for the rest of the season.

Sutherland have signed JOHN SANT from Granville.

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Polonia-North Side president, E CHMIELEWSKI, is making a good recovery from a heart ailment at Fairfield District Hospital.

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PRAGUE are very confident of not only consolidating their position in the "top four" in the return round of matches, but actually climbing even higher up the ladder because they will play eight of their 11 remaining matches at Marks Field.

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Polonia require young JUNIOR GOALKEEPERS for their minor grades. Please ring club secretary, Ciruch, on 798-8576.

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Thistle player JOHN VERSACE became a proud father last Wednesday week. Mother and baby are doing well.

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BILL VROLYKS has been appointed assistant-coach of the NSW State team. Bill Strelak is the new coach of the NSW under-16 State team.

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Former leading soccer official and Wentworth Park trustee, BOB MCKINNEY, is taking a keen interest again in the Park Trust, although gradually recovering from a serious illness.

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Eighteen-year old Auckland player, BRIAN TURNER, is on trial with Chelsea, and has been discussing terms with club manager Sexton. Turner was the best New Zealander in the Saigon Tournament last year.

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Canterbury's JIMMY DOUGAN, a fine halfback, is seeking a transfer. He has started negotiating with Polonia.

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At Prague's very successful AGM last Tuesday week, coach Joe Venglos made a speech outlining his team policy. Venglos told club members it was essential all clubs fostered young local players. Venglos deplored the mass importation of overseas players and was adamant that Australian soccer would never progress until junior football was developed to the fullest.

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Hakoah's mid-season BALL will be held on Saturday, July 27, at the Hotel Charles, Bronte.

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Foot-tennis
Results of last Monday's Foot-Tennis matches at the St. George-Budapest Soccer Club:

Wesely-Schwarz d. Alagich Brothers 21-13, 21-18; Hayes-G. Warren d. Clancy-Volar 21-11, 21-18; Yaager-Watkiss d. Holmes-Di Santi 21-15, 21-14; Tamandl-Sagi d. Johnston-Westwater on forfeit.

There won't be any matches next Monday because of the Queen's Birthday holiday.

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An "old boys" team from NEW CALEDONIA will visit Sydney next month. They'll meet a St. George-Budapest "over-35 years" team on July 14. The tour was organised by St. George-Budapest social club president, Alec Pongrass.

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POLONIA missed the bus last Saturday. Their ball boys were not dressed for the occasion. Surely some keen Northern Suburbs junior club could provide some properly outfitted and keen youngsters. Pan Hellenic's ball boys, too, were a disgrace. They didn't stop playing with the ball and messing around last Sunday, much to the annoyance of spectators.

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MARCEL ATOUA, the New Caledonian utility player now back in Noumea, wants to return to Australia. It's doubtful however, he will be granted a permit to re-enter the country.

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CROATIA are off to Newcastle on Monday to play a charity match at Wallsend's Crystal Palace Ground against a Newcastle representative XI.

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The CHS State squad will play the NSW Federation Youth XI on June 26 in the early game to Cardiff City v. NSW. Other representative matches are v. RMC Duntroon, June 29 and 30; v. Pike School (US) July 6; v. Western Area at Bathurst, July 20 and 21; v. South Australia (Aug./Sept.). CHS may also play Newcastle. The CHS Open Squad is: U. Bracklow (Liverpool High); P. Fairleigh (Newcastle Tech.); R. O'Hearn (Newcastle); J. Hargreaves (Punchbowl); R. Shand (Newcastle); K. Scully (Punchbowl); E. Howell (Newcastle); G. Byles (East Hills); J. Petty (Caringbah); P. Gee (Manly); L. Dennis (Newcastle Tech.); W. Dredge (Bass); T. Obrovic (Bonnyrigg); T. Smyth (Newcastle); D. Bright (Ashfield); P. Flynn (Malina).

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RAY BAARTZ may miss both matches against Cardiff City. The Hakoah and Australian forward has a serious groin injury and will definitely miss Hakoah's match against St. George-Budapest this weekend.

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The NSW Federation XI v. Ex-Canterbury Brackenbury TESTIMONIAL last Wednesday week provided a worthwhile trial to assist selection of the NSW team to play Cardiff City at the Showground on Sunday week. NSW won 5-2 on Belmont Sports Ground, which would be a mighty good soccer pitch. The 3,500 in attendance saw an excellent first half. Giles, Smith, Cliss, and Blitz were in excellent touch. The game demonstrated that a very good defence should be fielded against the Welshmen.

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The FAMILIES of Prague's Dr. Bujna and Pavel Molnar will join them from Czechoslovakia some time this month. They'll travel with Prague president Jan Domby.

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Sutherland's top centre-forward last season, BOBBY O'BRIEN, is back in training. He has been out of action since breaking a leg in a trial match in February.

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The "MISS MELITA" competition will be conducted next Sunday at a ball in the Melita Eagles club, Addison Road, Marrickville. First prize for the winner is a return air-trip to Surfers Paradise. A consolation prize will also be awarded to the runner-up.

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JIM CARTER, captain and centre-forward of St. Columbus (Leichhardt) under-7 team has scored 20 goals in seven games out of the team's

total of 32. Joe Marston conducts regular coaching sessions in the area.

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ARTHUR LEONG, the former NZ international half-back, is keen to bring a strong High School side from Hamilton to play a series of matches in NSW.

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The annual "MISS YUGAL" quest will start in July. This year the first prize is a trip for two to New Zealand by Qantas for the winner.

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Yugal have placed SLATKO STOSICH on transfer for \$2,000 at his own request. Stosich, 20, has been a first team regular for the last two seasons.

Hakoah not critical of top referee

Hakoah have emphatically denied a recent newspaper report that they shared the criticism of top referee, Tony Boskovic.

Club president, Karel Rodny, said the report was "completely unfounded and false".

Rodny said Hakoah had the highest respect for Boskovic and regarded him as one of the best officials in Australia.

The report that Hakoah joined other clubs in expressing dissatisfaction with Boskovic's handling of their games was contained in an item that Pan Hellenic would not participate in any game under his control.

Rodny said Hakoah had every confidence in Boskovic as an impartial referee, who feared or favored no one.

"To suggest that Hakoah would refuse to play under his control, or any other referee appointed by the Federation, is far from the truth," he said.

Hakoah officials and the supporters may not agree with every decision a referee makes, and many have cost us points, but as far as Boskovic is concerned we have no complaints".

(From the "Hakoah News").

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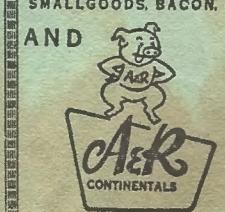
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PAUL DEAN AT WEMBLEY

EUROPEAN FINAL TO MANCHESTER UNITED—AFTER EXTRA-TIME!

LONDON, Monday — So this is what the European Cup is all about! Immense tension, two superbly equipped teams but enough vicious fouls to turn Lambert or Wentworth Park into a bloody battlefield.

In the first half referee Lo Bello of Italy awarded 34 freekicks, only two for handling, and wasn't even too severe.

The main preoccupation of Cruz and Humberto was chopping down Best while Stiles, with an innocent grin, did the same to Eusebio.

Things improved in the second half, and Manchester United gradually gained control.

However, after Charlton's classic header, United strangely closed the game, enabling Benfica to stage a fightback.

The Portuguese then played really well, producing some smooth fluid football and United looked in trouble.

Gracas' equaliser was anything but unexpected and Eusebio twice smashed the ball with indescribable force at Stepney from only a few yards.

The extra time reminded me of the World Cup final.

All the trimmings were similar, with Manchester United dejectedly sprawled on the turf before the start of extra-time.

But within eight minutes they had scored three magnificent goals.

Charlton's fourth was an absolute classic.

Kidd dashed down the right wing, hit a hard low centre and Charlton, while elbowed, volleyed a chip into the far corner past the mesmerised Henrique.

Scenes during the match, particularly towards the end, surpassed England's 1966 triumph.

Some 50,000 redclad United fans behind the two goals showed all the tricks of barracking, ranging from rhythmical handclapping to singing and chanting the names of Busby and their players.

The match as such not great, only exciting.

Manchester's expected keyman Best had a mediocre day, his Irish genius visible only in flashes as he was inclined to play for the crowd.

Kidd had a quiet game, but exploded in extra-time, justifying all the praise heaped on him during the Australian tour.

Charlton had a thought-

ful game, stoutly defending, brilliantly attacking in Di Stefano style, but his feared shots were absent.

The best forward was perhaps Aston, often irresistible, showing astounding speed and courage.

Benfica's defence was tough, but lacked brilliance and was slow.

Their best man was Graca, who has developed into a great midfield player.

Eusebio shackled by Stiles and Foulkes, still showed great class.

Some shots, however, were poorly placed, though cannon-like.

Torres was totally ineffective and couldn't repeat his 1966 World Cup displays and often vanished for long periods.

Augusto, once a brilliant forward, now is only an average graft and Simoes only has speed.

The team that almost died 10 years ago at snow-covered Munich Airport is now the toast of Europe.

The whole of Britain and most of Europe, are now paying respect to one of the world's most popular sporting teams and such household names as Busby, Charlton and Foulkes embraced privately for a moment, their thoughts flashing back to that awful day.

Manchester's splendid win is further proof of the end of the "Latin era".

In 1966 England, in 1967 Celtic, and now United, reached football pinnacle, replacing the old masters — Brazil, Real Madrid, Inter Milan, AC Milan and Benfica.

New heroes have been born in Ball, Hurst, Moore, Charlton, Best and Johnstone, and kids all over the world, kicking rag balls in parks call their sides after British teams.

Garrincha, Gento, Pele, Altafini are the fallen idols of fickle memory.

How long will the British era last?

Quite a while, I suppose, judging by the tremendous soccer boom in Britain, and especially if my pet theory that football flourishes where economies struggle is correct.

— PAUL DEAN

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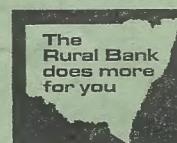
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FOUR-WAY BATTLE RAGES IN DIVISION II

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

With the first round of the competition completed, and the run into the straight just about to commence, which Second Division club is likely to play in First Division next season?

This is the question which is being repeatedly asked amongst Second Division club officials, especially by those who are still within reach of promotion.

Both are playing well but can't afford to lose many more points.

All four leading clubs have sound administrations and all are backed by social clubs.

However, none could be said to have spent a fortune on players for the purpose of winning promotion.

Only Wests have made some sort of an effort to bring new blood to strengthen the side, but even this was limited and cautiously selective, with the result that the nucleus of the present team is still essentially composed from players of last year with two exceptions.

In depth, Bankstown and Auburn seem to be the best positioned as both have fostered for years the junior associations in their district.

Three-year plans

Wests and Sutherland are also engaged and much involved in this aspect, but their work has not yet reached the stage of fruition as in the case of Bankstown and Auburn.

An amusing sideline of the current situation is that Bankstown, Sutherland and Western Suburbs all were supposed to have three-year plans which they considered essential to prepare themselves for First Division, and none were due for fruition this season.

Auburn, on the other hand, after the big drop last season, confessed that 1968 would be their year of consolidation, and had no ambitions for a quick return to First Division status.

However, that's how the ball bounces and despite the ifs and buts all four clubs are in the thin and thick of it and the struggle is bound to intensify ten-fold before the battle-scared winner is pronounced.

EASTERN GRUNT

The following are excerpts from an article which appeared in the recent issue of the "Eastern Awakener" a non-official junior journal distributed in the Eastern Suburbs Association.

Because of the strong views expressed, we feel it will interest our readers, even those with only a passing interest in junior soccer.

"What are the senior Eastern Suburbs clubs doing for soccer?

"Nothing. Why?

"The lack of promotion by the big boys, the Eastern Suburbs teams of Prague, Hakoah and Pan Hellenic who don't give a crumb to our Association, has resulted in that our local association hasn't got two brass farthings to rub together.

"Our representative teams need new equipment, but we still have to struggle on and make do with what we have.

"Let's blast these super-nationalistic senior Federation clubs for wasting money in buying second-rate im-

ports instead of promoting the game among the juniors.

"This applies not only to the national teams in the Eastern Suburbs, but to all clubs.

"The expense of running teams in our amateur association should be borne by the professionals.

"Our Eastern Suburbs should be tops in the representative junior field instead of just a poor relation.

"If the big boys won't help us, then I suggest some of our junior teams should refuse to carry their names.

"Let's co-operate, scrub them altogether, and get back to local district names.

"Let's make an issue of it. Let's see if we can shame our senior Federation Eastern Suburbs clubs into promoting the game.

"I'm sure that if we blast them all this season through letters to this paper, the editor will pick the best and send them on to "Soccer World" and other publications.

"Then we may get some action next season."

— A. B. Robertson

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SYDNEY RESULTS AND DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

HOW THEY LINED UP

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

COACHES COMMENT

St. George

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Cliss 78 min.

Haffey 3; Sandell 3, Hillary 4; Schaefer 4, Morgan 3, Zuckerman 3; Harris 4 (replaced Clarke at halftime), Cliss 4, Warren 3, Schau-man 3, Fernandez 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: G. Polgar.

Match rating: *

An unconvincing victory for St. George. It was a dull, uninspiring struggle with the exception of the last 15 minutes when Harris infused some life into the Saints' attack. Play for most of the match was well below First Division standard. Canterbury never gave up, tried hard, and came within inches of scoring on a few occasions. The Berries, actually, were unlucky because they were certainly no worse than the again disappointing Saints, whose forwards again performed poorly, — Cliss and young Harris excepted. It was St. George's defence — a reliable, cohesive unit — which won them this unspectacular game.

Crowd: 1,750.

Referee: A. Farone.

— FRANK JORDAN

Canterbury

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Demopoulos 3; Hardy 3, Raeburn 3; White-head 3, Taylor 4, Galbraith 4; Stridelis 3, Romanos 3, Hillhouse 3, Hood 3, Rinos 3.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: H. Ninaus.

Match rating: **

The teams started by firing away at goal for 10 minutes. They then forgot that boots were made for shooting until the 56th minute, when the in-form winger Vic Povey laid on a pearl of a pass for the dashing Krawiarz to convert. Five minutes later McGarry crashed in the equaliser for Coast — an international class 25 yarder into the top right hand corner. South Coast played crisp, cool football but without classy wing play their forays were far too stereotyped. Polonia's defence was sorely tried over the last 10 minutes, but aside from the polished McGarry, the visitors' attack lacked the punch to force a win. A draw was a just result all round.

Crowd: 1,100.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Polonia

1 (0)

Krawiarz 56 min.

Fraser 3; Addison 3, Skiba 4; Adamson 3, Dzilach 4, Komoder 4; Povey 4, Minol 3, Kulak 3, Krawiarz 4, Calphy 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: G. Azzopardi.

Sth. Coast

1 (0)

McGarry 61 min.

Ramage 3; Barnes 4, Cuthbert 3; Anderson 4, Carr 4, Davies 4; Beattie 3, Alston 3, McGarry 4, Tolson 3, Paterson 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: J. Kelly.

Match rating: ***

After a dull, soporific first half, which was only highlighted by a world-class goal by Armytage, the match came to life as Prague set about demolishing Pan Hellenic. Prague, with a smaller share of the ball, used the open spaces to perfection, tearing holes in Pan Hellenic's shaky defence. Whereas Prague always played methodically, letting the ball do the work, Pan Hellenic ran all over the place aimlessly. It was Pan Hellenic at their very worse. Midway through the second half they didn't even try. And once Pan Hellenic's fighting spirit is gone, what's left?

Crowd: 5,100.

Referee: N. Jones.

— LOU GAUTIER

P. Hellenic

1 (0)

Cole 71 min.

Maglis 2; Johnston 3, Byles 3 (replaced Omeros 21st minute); Mallard 3, Cole 4, Westwater 3; Blitz 3, McCulloch 2, Savides 1, Karayannis 1, Hignett 2.

TOTAL: 27

Coach: W. Tamandl

Prague

4 (1)

Armytage 38 min., Lowry 69 min., Moulson 73 and 79 mins.

King 3; Harcombe 3, Tracey 3; Blacker 4, Zeman 5, Molnar 4; Moulson 4 (replaced R. Manuel at half-time), Hoggart 3, Scheinflug 4, Lowry 3, Armytage 4.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: J. Venglos

Match rating: ****

A good crowd at Graham Reserve soon had plenty to cheer about as Manly started with plenty of confidence. After only four minutes Waller had shot them in front with a great goal that rocked APIA. But as the second half progressed APIA gained the upper hand and had equalised by halftime. After the interval it was all APIA. They scored two more goals and seemed headed for an easy win, but Manly had different ideas. After launching attack after attack they were rewarded with a fine goal four minutes from time. One minute from the end, under great pressure, Sambrook headed in an own goal to give Manly a sensational, but fully deserved draw.

Crowd: 3,672.

Referee: J. Henkelman.

— EDDIE EVANS

Manly

3 (1)

Waller 4 min., Hughes 86 min., Sambrook 89 min. (own goal).

Tuinman 4; McGrath 4, Brooks 3, Jones 3, Campbell 5, Jagger 4; Hughes 4, Nutt 3, Harris 3, Henry 3, Waller 4.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: D. Adrigan

APIA

3 (1)

Sileoni 37 min., Giacometti 65 and 77 (penalty) mins.

Taylor 3; Van Blerk 5, Ackerley 4; Hughes 4, Sambrook 3, Bottalico 4; Campana 3 (replaced Keddie 42 minutes), Santoro 3, Giacometti 4, Sileoni 3, McKinnon 3.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: A. Iglesias.

Yugal

1 (0)

Edwards 49 min.

Ljubic 4; Pacanin 3, Crnich 3, Lang 4, Banicevic 4, Rafaneli 5, J. Alagich 4, M. Alagich 3, Halpin 3, Edwards 4, Volar 3.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: F. Dunaj

Hakoah

1 (1)

Barnett 16 min.

Fuzes 4; Stewart 3, Hillsdon 4, Gardiner 4, Marnoch 5, Yaager 3, Fekete 4, Watkiss 3, Barnett 3, Baartz 3, Jones 4.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: D. Holden

Match rating: ***

Yugal, as is their wont, caused Hakoah no little trouble in a display which cast doubt on the true difference between top and bottom half teams in the competition. They might have won had Edwards' angled shot in the first half gone in, instead of rebounding from an upright, with Fuzes beaten. Edwards later atoned for his narrow miss when he pounced on a bouncing ball in the Hakoah goalmouth and forced it home. Hakoah were handicapped in the second half by injuries to Baartz, Yaager and Watkiss, but had their chance earlier when they held a marked territorial advantage over Yugal.

Crowd: 2,700.

Referee: J. Stiff.

— ALAN SPEERS

Melita E.

1 (0)

Thorne 61 min.

Eaton 4; Robinson 3, Bankhead 3; De Bruin 5, Duffy 3, Hewlett 3; Price 4, Goldie 4, Thorne 3, Wollowczykow 3, Nemet 2 (Azzopardi 4).

TOTAL: 37

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Match rating: ***

If determination and purpose could add sparkle to a game, this would have been a great one as both teams showed their intentions, but instead it turned out to be a very scrappy encounter, particularly in the first half. Croatia were unlucky not to lead at half-time as the woodwork was twice rattled with Eaton nowhere in sight, while Giles missed a sitter from six yards out. However, after a dull first half, the game was infused with some life when in the space of one minute Croatia took the lead and Melita Eagles equalised. It happened so quickly that the barrackers of both sides were caught cheering both goals at the same time. For the home side, De Bruin once again gave an untiring display while Jack Curry was easily the best Croatia player.

Crowd: 2,500.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Croatia

2 (0)

Shepherd 60 min., R. Cush 67 min.

Corry 4; Lincoln 4, Shepherd 4; Sloan 4, Curry 5; Wright 3, Reynolds 4, Page 3, Giles 3, R. Cush 4, F. Cush 3.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Gyula Polgar:

"I was pleased to start off with a win, especially as the team needed a win badly to lift their spirits. I am looking forward to the future with confidence."

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Herbert Ninaus: "Canterbury played better than St. George. They tried for 90 minutes and were unlucky not to score. I am confident we'll improve very soon."

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George Azzopardi: "You just could not have got a fairer result from the match. Both defences were outstanding."

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Jim Kelly: "A few things went Polonia's way at vital times. I guess neither team can complain about the point each."

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Walter Tamandl: "What can I say? You saw for yourself. No comment!"

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Joe Venglos: "We learned a lot from our Australia Cup match against Pan Hellenic 10 days ago. You could say that the midweek match paved the way for our 4-1 competition victory. I think the boys played great football. Despite all our injuries, the team retains tremendous spirit. Pan Hellenic were unlucky to concede a third goal when they were fighting back well."

Denes Adrigan: "My boys played just as they were told and stuck to it terrifically. Three goals against the APIA defence speaks for itself. If goalie Tuinman hadn't been hurt they never would have got their penalty goal."

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Adauto Iglesias: "What can I say after we had 80 per cent. of the ball? Manly had too many defenders and gave us no room to shoot. We played well, but our forwards failed to capitalise."

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Ferdo Dunaj: "I think this strengthens my theory that there have been too many changes in the team this season. Now we have settled into a pattern. The players will be kept together, unless because of injury."

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Doug Holden: "We missed chances in the first half and this, combined with some excellent goalkeeping by Ljubic, kept us out. Later, we had key players injured, and you can't allow for that happening."

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Joe Vlasits: "Croatia were the better side and won deservedly. However, we did not play all that bad, though our forwards could again have done better."

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Bill Vrolyks: "We should have won the match in the first half. Melita Eagles are much too under-rated a side. With a couple of good forwards they would be hard to beat."

MANLY NOW OUT TO GET PRAGUE'S SCALP

— By ALAN SPEERS —

Written off only a fortnight ago as almost certain to be relegated, Manly's "Lily-whites" have bounced back in a big way.

Their draw with APIA at home last Sunday lifted them, for the first time for many weeks, off the bottom of the table.

This week, they entertain Prague, and who's to say they can't repeat the form that shocked South Coast and APIA?

Our previews for the weekend:

Croatia v. Canterbury

A few weeks ago, this would have been an even money bet, with both Croatia and Canterbury languishing at the bottom of the table.

Since then, however, Croatia have done nothing but improve, while the Berries are now stone motherless last on the table.

Croatia last week overcame Melita at Mona Park — no mean feat — and we can't see them having anything but passing sympathy for Canterbury's plight.

Giles, Reynolds and the Cush brothers make up one of Sydney's liveliest forward lines and may have a field day against the Berries' shaky defence.

On the other side of the penny, Croatia's defence is unlikely to give anything away, and our guess is that Croatia will win rather comfortably.

Manly v. Prague

Much more than two points hinge on Manly's attempt to give Prague a taste of the treatment they accorded South Coast and APIA.

The young seadiders have their tails up now, and will be out to convince the sceptics that their improved form has been no flash in the pan.

Prague, meanwhile, will be

in no mood to provide Manly with another victim, and their victory last Sunday over Pan Hellenic spells potential trouble for their opponents.

Even with four reserves in the side, Prague were far too good for Pan Hellenic and appear to be right back to their best.

On paper, Prague appear to have an edge on Manly, and might prove to be a stumbling block to the latter's efforts to climb further away from relegation.

Polonia v. APIA

Polonia may not have won too many new friends with their dour style of play this season, but friends don't win games, or Premierships.

The fact remains that few teams have yet figured out a way to beat the uncompromising Polonia defence, which always has one player "sweeping-up" at the back.

Whether APIA can succeed where others have failed is debatable.

Not too much notice should be taken of their loss of a point to Manly, who are on the crest of a wave.

APIA has too much scoring potential to be disregarded, but with home ground advantage Polonia may again triumph, possibly by a single goal.

CROWDS

Last weekend's attendance: 16,822.

Average per match: 2,803.

Attendance after 10 rounds: 166,656.

Weekly average attendance: 16,665.

Hakoah v. St. George

There were many who thought St. George a little unlucky when these two teams last met, in a quarterfinal match of the Australia Cup.

But Saints' form since, a loss to Croatia followed by an unimpressive win over Canterbury, has done little to inspire confidence in their ability to reverse the result of the Cup match.

One can only guess at what improvement Gyula Polgar can wreak in the St. George team, with the talent he has available.



TIBOR ZUCKERMAN
(St. George)

Hakoah, too, have problems, though of much less serious nature than their rivals.

Their forwards are still goal-shy and they will need to shoot more often if they are to win and retain their lead in the Premiership.

Probably, Hakoah will find enough to notch another two points, but don't be surprised to see the score closer than generally anticipated.

REFEREES

Croatia v. Canterbury — K. Lockrey; Manly v. Prague — P. Rampley; Polonia v. APIA — A.R. Brown; St. George v. Hakoah — A. Boskovic; Pan Hellenic v. Melita Eagles — G. Naylor; Yugal v. SCU — N. Campbell.

LEADING SCORERS

Aston (SCU)	8
Smith (Pan Hellenic)	8
Baartz (Hakoah)	7
Cliss (St. George)	7
Krawiarz (Polonia)	7
Edwards (Yugal)	6
G. Manuel (Prague)	6
McGarry (SCU)	6

ROUND 12

Yugal v. South Coast

Yugal last week scared the daylights out of Hakoah, and, on that form, must be favored to beat their visitors.

But, their best form always seem to be reserved for the First Division "giants" and they have flattered, only to deceive, before.

This being so, it is difficult to tip them with any confidence, even allowing that South Coast's Sydney form is notoriously suspect.

The game is likely to resolve itself on the midfield battle between Anderson and Rafanelli, the latter probably Sydney's most under-rated player.

If Rafanelli can supply Edwards, Halpin and, especially, Alagich with a constant stream of passes, Yugal could win, but we feel a draw is a more likely result.

the same, but the spirit which carried the team to the top seems to have disappeared, temporarily at least.

In Melita, they clash with an honest, workmanlike combination with no pretensions



JOHN COLE
(Pan Hellenic)

to championship class, but decidedly useful for all that.

The fact that the match will be played at Wentworth Park prompts us to tip Pan Hellenic, but they will need to improve if they are to worry the magnificent Eaton in the Melita goal.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Croatia v. Canterbury 2-2-2

Last year Croatia won 5-1 and the return match was drawn 1-1.

Croatia also notched up a mammoth 6-1 victory in 1964.

Their impressive showings recently suggest Croatia should comfortably achieve a positive record against the Berries as from this weekend.

Manly v. Prague 0-0-0

They've never met in a competition match since Manly was reconstructed.

In 1960, however, Prague scored a startling 9-6 win over Manly's predecessors, Neerlandia.

Polonia v. APIA 2-0-6

Polonia's only wins were in 1961 — 3-2 and 5-1 in their first season in First Division.

Since then they have lost six straight, including an 8-1 trouncing in the second last round in 1967.

The teams have never drawn. It could happen at North Sydney Oval this Sunday.

St. George v. Hakoah 5-2-11

Hakoah have only lost one of their last seven competition matches against St. George (2-3 in the second round last season).

The scores between the teams were always close. Apart from last year's 6-1 in the first match of the competition, all games were decided by the odd goal except on three occasions.

CROATIA

CORRY
LINCOLN
SLOAN
CURRY
SHEPHERD
WRIGHT
REYNOLDS
PAGE
GILES
R. CUSH
F. CUSH

CANTERBURY

DEMOPoulos
HARDY
RAEBURN
TAYLOR
WHITEHEAD
GALBRAITH
ROMANOS
STRIDELIS
HOOD
HILLHOUSE
RINOS

MANLY

TUINMAN
McGRATH
BROOKS
R. JONES
CAMPBELL
JAGGER
HUGHES
NUTT
HARRIS
HENRY
WALLER

PRAGUE

KING
HARCOMBE
TRACEY
BLACKER
ZEMAN
MOINAP
MOULSON
HOGGART
SCHEINING
LOWRY
ARMYTAGE

POLONIA

FRASER
FILOK
SKIRA
ADAMSON
DTIALACU
KOMODER
POVFY
MINOI
KULAK
KRAWIARZ
CALPHY

APIA

TAYLOR
VAN BLERK
ACKERLY
HUGHES
SAMBROOK
BOTTALICO
CAMPANA
SANTORO
GIACOMETTI
SI EONI
MCKINNON

ST. GEORGE

HAFFEY
SANDELL
HILLARY
SCHAFFER
MORGAN
ZUCKERMAN
HARRIS
CLISS
WARREN
SCHAUMAN
FERNANDEZ

HAKOAH

FUZES
STEWART
HILLSDON
GARDNER
MARNOCH
D. YAAGER
EDMONDS
FEKETE
BARNETT
WATKISS
JONES

YUGAL

LJUJIC
PACANIN
CRNICH
LANG
BANICEVIC
RAFANELI
J. ALAGICH
M. ALAGICH
HALPIN
EDWARDS
VOLAR

SOUTH COAST

NUELL
BARNES
CUTHBERT
ANDERSON
CARR
DAVIES
BEATTIE
MCGARRY
TOLSON
ALSTON
PATERSON

PAN HELLENIC

CLARKE
JOHNSTON
MALLARD
MCCULLOCH
COLE
WESTWATER
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SMITH
KARYANNIS
MCCULLOCH
HIGNETT

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
ROBINSON
BANKHEAD
DE BRUIN
DUFFY
HEWLETT
PRICE
GOLDIE
THORNE
AZZOPARDI
QUESTED

TEAM OF THE WEEK

TUINMAN
(Manly)

VAN BLERK
(APIA)

DE BRUIN
(Melita Eagles)

CLISS
(St. George)

HUGHES
(Manly)

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RESULT SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION

	APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Melita Eagles	S. Coast Utd.	Manly
APIA	● 1-0	1-0	2-2	5-1							
St. George	● 1-4	1-1	1-0	1-3	1-2			1-0			
Croatia	1-1	● 0-2	3-1								
Pan Hellenic	2-1	● 3-0	1-4	4-1	2-0	3-1					
Hakoah	2-0	● 4-3	0-0	0-3	2-1	3-1					
Canterbury	1-4	1-2	● 6-0	3-0	0-3	2-1					
Prague											
Polonia	1-0	1-3	2-1	2-2</td							



ROUND THE WORLD

England crashes to West Germany

— from PAUL DEAN in England —

LONDON, Monday — England's stocks slumped somewhat for the European Championship finals which are played in Italy this week after a lacklustre performance at Hannover on Saturday where they lost a four-year unbeaten Continental record by losing 1-0 to West Germany.

The new favorites for the European crown must be Italy, regarded by the London Press as England's likely opponents in the final in Rome on Saturday.

As I watched the West Germany-England match on BBC color TV, I had the inescapable feeling that Manchester United would have trounced England and West Germany — possibly both on the same day!

From England's World Cup team the only survivors in Hannover were Banks, Moore, Ball and Hurst.

Ramsey rested Charlton and Stiles for Wednesday's European Championship semifinal match against Yugoslavia at Florence.

How ordinary does England look without Charlton's genius, Stiles' tenacity and Peters' grafting!

The Germans fielded a very young side, with only Weber, Overath and Beckenbauer left from their 1966 World Cup side.

Frankly none better than when I saw him in England, Beckenbauer is still very talented, but his behavior often bordered on insolence against the English.

The crowd booed him loudly towards the end of the match just before he got a lucky goal as his shot rebounded off Labone.

Typically, Beckenbauer promptly turned to the crowd with an unmistakable "get lost" gesture once the ball was in the net.

It's most interesting to observe how "soft" the Germans are whenever they meet England. On eight occasions "agonising" German players had to be treated after clashes, though there wasn't one vicious English foul.

An amusing incident occurred in the first half.

As an amateur cameraman raced upfield to take Alan Ball's picture after a foul, the tall Dutch linesman shoved the eager shutterbug to the ground.

This England team will be hard pushed in this week's European finals unless the team is changed and improved.

Still, going by recent performances and England's legendary determination, I tip them to win the final.

• Next week Paul Dean will report on the European Championship semifinals and final.

Following his shock resignation from Inter Milan, Helenio Herrera has been flooded with tempting contracts. Best offers so far have emanated from the Greek Panathinaikos, Atletico Madrid of Spain and Boca Juniors of Argentina. HH, however, intimated he would prefer to remain in Italy. His place at Inter has been taken over by Alfredo Foni, the Italian who coached the Swiss national team.

European Cup crowds

The average attendance per match in this season's European Champions' Cup was 35,767 spectators — a long way behind 1959-60's all-time record average of 50,545. Attendances this season, however, were higher than last year when the average crowd for a European Cup match was only 27,972.

Fantastic English tale

Gather round, and listen to this. It's fantastic. The dying seconds of a game in Cheshire between an English Electric team and a British Railway team were being ticked off when the Railway centre-forward broke clear and poised himself for a shot. But before he could shoot, the goalkeeper dashed out — and blew the whistle for fulltime! You see, English Electric had turned up a man short, and the referee had volunteered to keep goal, and control the game from the goal-line.

• AC Milan, the European Cup-Winners' Cup winners this season, are now touring the USA without their stars who are required for Italy's European Championship commitments.

• The Italian First Division club, Varese, are visiting Ethiopia and Somaliland. They won their first African match 2-1, against an Eritrean XI at Asmara.

• Because of the grave internal disorders in France, there has been no organised sport for the past three weeks. The French soccer championship has been suspended, with three rounds remaining.

• Ferencvaros of Hungary beat Italy's Bologna 3-2 in Budapest last week in the first leg of their semi-final Fair Cities' Cup clash. The Italians led 2-0 after 30 minutes (Clerici, Perani), but Ferencvaros, through goals by Albert, Fenyesi and Rakosi, won the match in the second half. The return match was played in Bologna on June 3.

• The Hong Kong junior colts team toured South Korea at the completion of the recent Asian Youth Championship in Seoul. They won their first match 1-0 against Chung Chong Province at Taejun.

• Munchen 1860 or Schalke 04 of West Germany will tour Asia in December for matches in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, and possibly Japan.

• The Germans postponed their Cup Final, scheduled for June 1 at Hannover, in order to play England in a full international instead. One wonders how many other national associations would have been so obliging.

• Celtic have dropped plans to sign the top Yugoslav goalie, Pantelic, to replace veteran Ronnie Simpson. They've re-signed reserve keeper, John Fallon instead. Fallon will have completed 10 years with the club at the end of next season and will qualify for his second benefit match as a "Celt."

• Dave Mackay may return to his native Scotland next season. Hearts of Midlothian have started negotiations with Tottenham for the 23-times-capped halfback. Mackay was a Hearts player before finding fame and fortune in London nine years ago.

• Sixteen-year-old Mick Docherty is tipped as a future star. Mick is the son of the fiery Rotherham, and ex-Chelsea coach, Tommy Docherty. He is with Burnley now and guided his team to winning the final of the FA Youth Cup. Mick is likely to be included in the first team next season.

• Johnny Fulham of Shamrock Rovers has been crowned Eire's "Soccer Personality of the Year."

• As was expected, Crusaders (Ulster) and Shamrock Rovers (Eire) qualified for the final of the first-ever all-Irish soccer competition — the Blaxnit Tournament.

Long-serving Scot

Who's the longest-serving one-club player in Scottish soccer? That record belongs to Kilmarnock's Frank Beattie who starts his 16th season in August. Beattie has now played 504 senior team matches, having signed for Kilmarnock in 1953. Beattie captained Killie when they carried off the league championship in 1964-65.

Gren retires for fifth time

Hanging up his boots once more — for the fifth time — Gunnar Gren, the all-time great of Swedish soccer who starred in Italian professional football for 10-years, is now manager of the Gothenburg club GAIS, and started the season disastrously with five straight defeats and a 1-1 draw with Oster IF, whose star forward is Harry Bild, once a pro. in Switzerland and Holland.

Eusebio to undergo operation

Eusebio, the Benfica star, seems destined to have a knee operation in the very near future. Though he scored more goals than any First Division player in Europe this season, Eusebio has suffered from ligament trouble ever since Benfica's "away" European Cup match against St. Etienne of France six months ago.

Four Argentine aces goaled

A recent match in Argentina between arch-rivals Racing Buenos Aires and Estudiantes de la Plata, the South American champions, ended in an all-in brawl. After the match the Chief of Police arrested four players, Chabay and Basile (Racing) and Aguirre Sanchez and Tognari (Estudiantes) who were sentenced to 30 days goal for "provocation" on and off the field.

Scandinavians upset Scots

The Scandinavians who have come into Scottish soccer recently have been causing a few managers close-season headaches, with their demands for better contracts, and their premature departures back home. It is widely believed that Scottish clubs will ignore this market in future, and concentrate more on home players and Anglo-Scots coming to the end of their careers.

Cardiff will help Wales

Cardiff City, now in Australia for their nine-match tour, will be the permanent sparring-partners of the Welsh national team next season. They have agreed to a request by Welsh national team boss, Dave Bowen, to make the Cardiff team available for full-scale practice matches before internationals.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN CUP (Final):

Manchester United v. Benfica 4-1.

FAIR CITIES' CUP:

Ferencvaros v. Bologna 3-2 (first

semifinal leg in Budapest).

OLYMPIC GAMES (Qualifying):

Czechoslovakia v. USSR 3-0 (Czechoslovakia qualifies for finals).

INTERNATIONALS:

West Germany v. England 1-0 (Hannover); Japan v. Arsenal 0-4 (Tokyo).

GREECE:

Veroia v. Egalio 2-1; Apollon v. PAOK 0-0; Aris v. Panelefsinaikos 1-1; Olympiakos Volos v. Iraklis 0-0; Olympiakos Piraeus v. Ethnikos 5-0; Panserraikos v. Panionios 1-0; Panathinaikos v. Prodefiki 1-0; Olympiakos Cyprus v. Pierikos 5-3.

SWITZERLAND:

Grasshoppers v. Basel 1-0; Young Boys v. Grenchen 3-0; Lausanne v. Sion 3-0; Lugano v. Bellinzona 3-1; Lucerne v. Servette 3-2; Biel v. Young Fellows 3-2; FC Zurich v. Chaux-de-Fonds 3-2.

HUNGARY:

Vasas v. Pecs 4-0; Egyetertes v. Szombathely 1-1; Honved v. MTK 2-0; Gyor v. Ujpest 1-1; Ferencvaros v. Dunaujvaros 6-2; Salgotrjan v. Diogsyor 1-0; Csepel v. Videoton 3-1.

PORTUGAL (Cup semi-final):

Benfica v. Porto 2-2.

SPAIN (Cup):

Real Madrid v. Sevilla 4-3; Elche v. Malaga 1-0; Barcelona v. Real Sociedad 6-1; Atletico Madrid v. Betis 2-1; Zaragoza v. Sabadell 5-1; Celta v. Pontevedra 2-1.



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VICTORIA MUST NOT UNDER-RATE CARDIFF

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

European Cup-Winners' Cup semifinalists Cardiff City open their Australian tour this Sunday when they meet Victoria at Olympic Park.

Let's not get smart and think because the "Taffies" finished well down the English Second Division that they are set-up as a sitting duck for a Victorian win.

Compared with our top grade of soccer in Australia, Cardiff off and suggesting that Victoria are in with the English Second Division

leaves us for dead in all aspects of the game. So we must keep our sense of proportion in assessing the relative merits of both the locals and Cardiff City.

A few people are writing Cardiff off and suggesting that Victoria are in with their best-ever chance of

beating an overseas touring side.

While the possibilities exist that Victoria could pull it off, I'm suggesting Victoria may have their hands full even finishing on level terms with the Welshmen.

Much will depend on the formation Victoria fields. And of the present squad, at least six of the 16 are lucky to gain inclusion, while at the same time at least three or four form players must consider themselves unlucky at being omitted.

If Cardiff rely on the side which was narrowly beaten by SV Hamburg in the semifinal of the European Cup-Winners Cup their line-up would be:

Bobby Wilson, David Carver, Bobby Ferguson, Norman Dean, Don Murray, Brian Harris, Barrie Jones, Malcolm Clarke, Peter King, John Toshack, Leslie Lea.

A formidable lot indeed, with Wilson, Murray, Harris, Jones and Toshack a quintet of class players by any standard and the rest of their team-mates not being far behind.

The likely Victorian side could be: Schroif, Keith, Cook, Randles, Van Alphen, Tzenos, Gadecki, McColl, Norman, Micic, Vojtek.

CRISP COMMENT

From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

In sharp contrast to last year's "two horse" league race, the SA premiership series this year has resolved into a tight, tense struggle.

Hellas, top after their 3-0 win over Polonia last week, sent Polonia reeling from first position to fifth.

USC Lion, in second place, hold a two point lead over Juventus, Beograd and Polonia, who are separated only on goal average.

To set the record straight, Valentino Frattini (Adelaide Juventus) was not automatically suspended for one match after having been cautioned three times, as reported by Bob Low last week.

Frattini was under a two match suspension imposed by the SA Federation disciplinary committee for kicking, Nick Pantelis (WA Hellas) in a league game on May 11.

Bob Low is correct, however, that Frattini was permitted by the local body to laide.

The fact that Frattini was allowed to play in Melbourne while under local suspension has added fuel to the heated WA Hellas argument over Sam Salabasides.

The organisers of the Hellas boycott movement have drawn a comparison between Frattini's case and that of Salabasides who was permitted to play in Greece while under sine die suspension imposed in Ade-

laide.

I agree with my Mel-

bourne colleague that the

situation was ludicrous and

join with him in a plea for

uniformity of rules.

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WITH THE AMATEURS

ARTARMON IN THE LEAD AFTER 4-2 WIN

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Artarmon snatched the First Division lead from Wentworthville as the result of a 4-2 win over Eastside-MTK at Moore Park on Sunday.

Artarmon led 4-1 after 30 minutes last week.

MTK scored the only second half goal, but at no stage did they look like heading the new leaders.

Thistle proved too solid for young Wentworthville at Jones Park, and won the match 3-2.

Wentworthville had no real reason to bemoan its loss as the team functioned extremely well, except for the early period when centre-half Mick Prince was injured.

Prince left the field, and was not replaced for 15 minutes, as he was expected to resume.

The injury proved worse than was thought, and he was found to have a chipped hip bone after examination at Parramatta Hospital.

Three goals were netted by the tough Thistle team before David Royds went on as replacement.

Both Guildford and Enmore had good Second Division wins, and retain their respective positions at the head of the table.

Condell Park lost their Third Division leadership, and now only share top position with Rovers and Gladesville-Hornsby.

Gladesville beat Condell Park to the ball to gain a 2-0 lead at half-time in their match at North Epping Oval, on Saturday.

Gladesville's defensive tactics held Condell's attack at bay in the second half, and the result was 2-1.

Gladesville will gain from the return of the Travers brothers to the vital centre-forward and centre-half berths.

Rovers joined Condell Park and Gladesville at the top with an outstanding 4-0 win over Dee Why at Dee Why.

Campbelltown, in their first season, are making a determined bid to go up a division, and are now four points clear of Liverpool Eagles in Fourth Division.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Ryde v. Lidcombe	2-3	1-1
Blacktown v. NSW Uni.	3-2	1-3
Sth. Sydney v. Concordia	2-3	6-0
Belmore v. Marrickville	4-4	1-0
Went v. Thistle	2-3	2-0
Eastside-MTK v. Auburn	2-4	1-2

Second Division

Enmore v. Penrith

St. Marys v. Guildford

Kewpies v. Auburn

Riverside v. Arncliffe

Yagoona v. Warringah

Gymea v. Sydney Uni.

G'ville-H'by v. Cond. Pk.

Smithfield v. All Stars

Dee Why v. Rovers

Greenacre v. F'ield-Kiev

Camp'town v. Prospect

Beverly Hills v. Chelsea

Liverpool v. Ku-ring-gai

Central U. v. Padstow P.

Marouba v. Newtown

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Kiev v. Swan Valley

Coltelo v. Tricolore

Swan Athletic v. Windmills

Olympic v. Athena

Cracovia v. Azzurri

A.C.T.

Juventus v. Cooma

Queanbeyan v. Croatia

Concordia v. Burns Austral

Olympic v. Monaro

MS 2-4.

TASMANIA

South — Falkinder Cup semi-

finals: Croatia v. Olympia

Eagles v. Juventus

North: Devonport v. Spartans

1-5, Rovers v. Ulsterzone

2-5.

SECOND DIVISION

Arndifice Scots v. Yagoona

Cahill Park

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

First Division: Ryde v. Belmore

Hall Field, Blacktown v. Lidcombe

Francis Park, Went

Waratahs v. Concordia

Jones Park.

SECOND DIVISION

Kewpies v. St. Marys

Colquhoun Park, Riverside Rapids v. Auburn Juniors

Mahoney Park, Enmore

v. Sydney University

Mackay Park.

Third Division: Smithfield v.

Gladesville-Hornsby

Smithfield Park, Dee Why

Revesby Workers

v. Rovers Juniors

Armour Park, West Ryde v. Condell Park

Meadowbank No. 3.

FOURTH DIVISION

Chelsea v. New-

town Progressives

Moore Park, Prospect v. Beverly Hills

Jardine Park, Padstow Park

v. Liverpool Eagles

Padstow Oval.

INTERSTATE SCORES

NEWCASTLE

West Wallsend v. Toronto

Hamilton-Azzurri v. Adamstown

2-1, Belmont v. Wallsend

3-0, Weston v. Newcastle Austral

2-3, New Lambton v. Lake Macquarie

1-1.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Second Division: Port Adelaide

v. Sturt

2-0, Budapest v. Para Hills

3-2, Malta v. Campbelltown

2-3, Don v. Azzurri

3-5, Birkalla v. Windsor

1-0.

QUEENSLAND

Hollandia v. Oxley

5-1, Grange

Thistle v. St. Helens

3-2, Coalstars v. Hellenic

4-2, Merton v. Polonia

3-1, Azzurri v. Latrobe

Competition Tables

FIRST DIVISION

	GRADE II.
	W D L F A P
APIA	8 1 1 25 10 17
Prague	8 — 2 30 9 16
SCU	7 — 3 35 18 14
St. George	6 — 4 24 18 12
Melita Eagles	6 — 4 25 20 12
Hakoah	5 1 4 16 9 11
Croatia	3 3 4 13 18 9
Pan Hellenic	4 — 6 13 17 8
Polonia	3 2 5 20 27 8
Canterbury	3 1 6 13 26 7
Manly	2 — 8 12 26 4
Yugal	1 — 9 6 28 2

GRADE III.

	W D L F A P
Croatia	8 1 1 24 9 17
St. George	8 1 1 18 9 17
Canterbury	5 3 2 19 13 14
Prague	6 1 3 19 14 13
SCU	5 1 4 24 13 11
Pan Hellenic	4 3 3 9 9 11
Hakoah	4 2 4 14 13 10
Yugal	3 4 3 15 14 10
APIA	3 — 7 10 18 6
Melita Eagles	2 2 6 20 29 6
Manly	1 2 7 11 24 4
Polonia	1 — 9 10 26 2

SECOND DIVISION

	GRADE I.
	W D L F A P
Bankstown	8 1 1 23 10 17
Auburn	8 1 1 27 12 17
Sutherland	6 2 2 20 18 14
Western Subs.	6 1 3 23 17 13
Granville	5 1 4 21 15 11
Marconi	4 2 4 13 10 10
Balgownie	3 3 4 17 12 15
N. Bankstown	3 2 5 16 26 8
NS-Inter	3 2 5 15 25 8
Corinthians	3 1 6 14 22 7
Lane Cove	2 — 8 13 24 4
Hornsby-NE	1 — 9 21 30 2

GRADE II.

	W D L F A P
Western Subs.	9 1 33 5 19
Bankstown	7 1 2 39 14 15
Balgownie	7 — 3 30 13 14
Sutherland	6 1 3 31 17 13
Hornsby-NE	6 1 3 21 19 13
Marconi	5 2 3 17 13 12
Auburn	4 3 3 28 18 11
Granville	4 — 6 26 34 8
Lane Cove	3 — 7 9 43 6
N. Bankstown	1 2 7 13 29 4
Corinthians	1 2 7 10 24 4
NS-Inter	1 — 9 15 41 1

(Third Grade)

	GRADE III.
	W D L F A P
Bankstown	9 — 1 37 7 18
Western Subs.	8 1 1 48 6 17
Sutherland	6 3 1 41 16 15
N. Bankstown	6 2 2 22 12 17
Granville	6 1 3 27 22 13
Auburn	5 — 5 28 21 10
Balgownie	5 — 5 18 18 10
Hornsby-NE	4 1 5 17 17 9
Lane Cove	3 1 6 20 31 7
NS-Inter	2 1 7 14 26 5
Corinthians	1 — 9 10 69 2
Marconi	— 10 6 42 —

INTER-SUBURBAN

	FIRST DIVISION
	W D L F A P
Artarmon	6 4 — 25 7 16
Went	7 1 2 32 12 15
Thistle	7 1 2 32 14 15
Marrickville	4 3 3 24 18 11
Concordia	4 2 4 18 19 10
South Sydney	4 2 4 13 15 10
Belmore	2 6 2 17 20 10
Uni. NSW	3 1 5 14 22 7
NSI	3 1 6 13 25 7
Lidcombe	3 1 6 19 33 7
Blacktown	3 1 7 17 27 6
Eastside-MTK	3 — 7 17 27 6
Ryde	1 2 6 7 19 4

SECOND DIVISION

	W D L F A P
Guildford	9 — 1 32 7 18
Enmore	8 1 1 39 10 17
Warringah	6 2 2 29 14 14
Riverside	7 — 3 28 20 14
Yagoona	6 1 2 16 13 13
St. Marys	5 1 4 32 31 11
Sydney Uni.	2 3 4 16 21 7
Auburn	3 — 7 17 28 6
Arndale Scots	3 — 7 13 23 6
Kewpies	2 1 7 15 24 5
Penrith	1 3 6 20 38 5
Gymea	1 — 9 13 41 2

THIRD DIVISION

	W D L F A P
Rovers	6 — 2 33 10 12
Condell Park	5 2 2 26 12 12
G'ville-H'by	5 2 2 23 11 12
All Stars	5 1 2 17 15 11
Revesby	5 — 3 27 18 10
Dee Why	3 2 3 19 16 9
West Ryde	3 1 4 18 14 7
F'ield-Kiev	2 1 5 17 32 5
Greenacre	1 1 6 14 40 3
Smithfield	— 1 7 15 37 1

FOURTH DIVISION

	W D L F A P
C'belltown	8 — 27 8 16
Liverpool	6 — 2 21 11 12
Padstow Park	4 2 2 26 21 10
Beverly Hills	3 3 2 21 18 9
Newtown	3 2 3 19 19 8
Maroubra	3 1 4 13 21 7
Prospect	2 2 4 16 13 6
Ku-ring-gai	2 1 5 24 21 5
Central Utd.	2 1 5 14 24 5
Chelsea	— 2 6 7 32 2

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

(Second, v. Third Grades)	
Polonia v. SCU	1-0
St. George v. Canterbury	2-1
Melita v. Croatia	3-1
Pan Hellenic v. Prague	1-0
Manly v. APIA	1-3
Yugal v. Hakoah	0-3

SECOND DIVISION

(Grades I, II and III)	
NS-Inter v. Marconi	1-1
H'by v. N. B'town	3-6
Corinth v. G'ville	1-4
B'town v. S'land	3-1
Balgownie v. Wests	1-0
L. Cove v. Auburn	0-3

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

EXCITING LOCAL DERBY WILL TEST GRANVILLE

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

There were no changes at the top of the competition table and Bankstown still retain the lead by a fraction of a goal from Auburn.

Western Suburbs failed to capitalise on Sutherland's defeat and could only take one point from Balgownie.

NS-Inter v. Marconi 1-1

Inter dominated the first half, but poor finish in front of goal kept the score blank until just before half-time when a Marconi defender deflected the ball in his own net.

Marconi played with more purpose in the second half and their efforts were rewarded about 20 minutes from the end when they scored the equaliser.

NS-Inter: Markulin; Abbattista, Roberts; Impelizzeri, Nimmo, Jaros; Spresman, Lyle, Virano, Smith, Poletto (Monno).

Marconi: Langelaar; Shultz (o.g.), Scotti; Okorn, Milani, Kelly; Scalla, Gray, Seni (Tomasov), Marchetto, Vibert (1).